

REMARKS

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, is constituted by the German text of PCT/EP2004/051406. A suitable Abstract of the Disclosure has also been added. These changes and additions do not constitute any new matter.

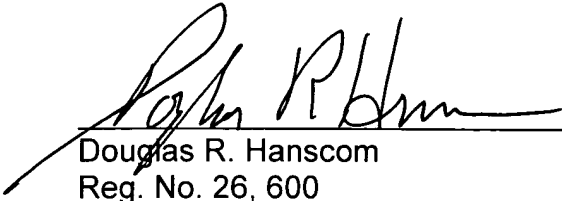
Original claims 1-43, and Article 34 claims 1-42 have been cancelled. New claims 44-86 have been added. New claims 44-86 are essentially the same, in scope, as the claims which are currently pending in the PCT application. They have been presented in a form eliminating multiple dependencies.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, prior to an examination of the application on the merits, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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